

## AMENDMENT

### **I. In the specification**

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 1 as follows:

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/734,492, filed December 11, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/170,408 which was filed on December 13, 1999, each of which are [and is herein] incorporated by reference in their [its] entirety.

### **II. Support for the Amendment to the Specification**

The first paragraph of page 1 of the specification has been amended to include reference to the co-pending U.S. Application, and to update the status of the listed U.S. Patent Applications.

It will be understood that no new matter is included within the amended specification.

### **III. Conclusion**

Applicants submit that the present case is in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or believe that certain amendments of the claims might serve to improve their clarity, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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